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SIR,

MEETING with the following little curious Piece the other Day, I ſend it you to re-publiſh, as it is now in very few Hands. There is ſomething ſo elegant in the Imagination, convey'd in ſo delicate a Stile, and accompany'd with a Moral ſo juſt and elevated, that it muſt yield great Pleaſure and Inſtruction to every Mind of real Taſte and Virtue.

CICERO, in the firſt of his *Tuſculan Queſtions*, finely expoſes the vain Judgment we are apt to form of the Duration of Human Life compared to Eternity. In Illuſtrating this Argument, he quotes a Paſſage of Natural Hiſtory from *Ariſtotle*, concerning a Species of Inſects on the Banks of the River *Hypanis*, *that never outlive the Day in which they are born*.

To purſue the Thought of this elegant Writer; Let us ſuppoſe one of the moſt robuſt of theſe *Hypanians* (ſo famed in Hiſtory) was in a manner Coeval with Time it ſelf; that he began to exiſt at the Break of Day; and that, from the uncommon Strength of his Conſtitution, he has been able to ſhew himſelf active in Life through the numberleſs Minutes of Ten or Twelve Hours. Through ſo long a Series of Seconds, he muſt have acquired vaſt Wiſdom in his Way, from Obſervation and Experience. He looks upon his Fellow-Creatures, who died about Noon, to be happily delivered from the many Inconveniencies of Old Age; and can perhaps recount to his Great Grandſon a ſurprizing Tradition of Actions before any Records of their Nation were extant. The young Swarm, who may be advanced one Hour in Life, approach his Perſon with Reſpect, and liſten to his improving Diſcourſe. Every Thing he ſays will ſeem wonderful to this ſhort-lived Generation. The Compaſs of a Day will be eſteemed the whole Duration of Time; and the firſt Dawn of Light will in their Chronology be ſtiled the Great *Æra* of their Creation.

Let us now ſuppoſe this venerable Inſect this *Neſtor* of *Hypanis*, ſhould a little before his Death, and about Sun-ſet, ſend for all his Deſcendants, his Friends and his Aquaintance, out of the Deſire he may have to impart his Laſt Thoughts to them, and to admoniſh them with his departing Breath. They meet perhaps under the ſpacious Shelter of a Muſhroom; and the dying Sage addreſſes himſelf to them after the following Manner.

" Friends and Fellow-Citizens; I perceive " the longeſt Life muſt have an End; The " Period of mine is now at Hand: Neither " do I repine at my Fate, ſince my Great " Age is become a Burden to me; and there " is nothing New to me under the Sun. The " Changes and Revolutions I have ſeen in my " Country, the manifold private Misfortunes " to which we are all liable, and the fatal Diſeaſes incident to our Race, have abundantly taught me this Leſſon, that no Happineſs " can be ſecure or laſting, which is placed in " Things, that are out of our Power. Great " is the Uncertainty of Life! a whole Brood " of Infants has periſhed in a Moment by a " keen Blaſt: Shoals of our ſtraggling Youth " have been ſwept into the Waves by an unexpected Breeze: What waſteful Deluges " have we ſuffered from a ſudden Shower? Our " ſtrongeſt Holds are not Proof againſt a Storm " of Hail: And even a dark Cloud damps the " ſtouteſt Heart.

" I have lived in the Firſt Ages, and converſed with Inſects of a larger Size and " ſtronger Make, and (I muſt add) of greater " Vertue, than Any can boaſt of in the preſent Generation. I muſt conjure you to " give yet farther Credit to my lateſt Words, " when I aſſure you, that yonder Sun, which " now appears *Weſtward* beyond the Water, " and ſeems not to be far diſtant from the " Earth, in my Remembrance ſtood in the " Middle of the Sky, and ſhot his Beams directly down upon us. The World was " much more enlightened in thoſe Ages, and " the Air much warmer. Think it not Dotage

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" in me, if I affirm, That Glorious Being moves. " I saw his first Setting-out in the *East*; and " I began my Race of Life near the Time, " when he began his Immense Career. He " has for several Ages advanced along the " Sky with vast Heat, and unparalleled Bright- " ness; but now by his Declension, and a sen- " sible Decay (more especially of Late) in his " Vigour, I foresee, that all Nature must fail " in a little Time, and that the Creation will " lie buried in Darkness, in less than a Cen- " tury of Minutes.

" Alas, my Friends! How did I once flat- " ter my self with the Hopes of abiding here " for ever! How magnificent are the Cells, " which I hollowed out for my self! What " Confidence did I repose in the Firmness and " Spring of my Joints, and in the Strength of " my Pinions! *But I have lived enough to Nature,* " *and even to Glory:* Neither will any of you, " whom I leave behind, have equal Satisfaction " in Life in the dark, declining Age, which I " see is already began.

THUS far this agreeable unknown Writer; too agreeable, we may hope, to remain always conceal'd The fine Allusion to the Character of JULIUS CÆSAR, whose Words he has put into the Mouth of this illustrious Son of *Hypanis*, is perfectly just and beautiful, and aptly points out the Moral of this inimitable Piece, the Design of which would have been quite perverted, had a virtuous Character, a CATO or a CICERO, been made choice of to have been turned into Ridicule Had this Life of a Day been represented as employed in the exercise of Virtue, it would have had equal Dignity with a Life of any limited Duration; and according to the exalted Sentiments of TULLY, would have been preferable to an Immortality, filled with all Pleasures of Sense, if void of those of a higher Kind: But as the Views of this vain glorious Insect were confined within the narrow Circle of his Existence, as he only boasts the magnificent Cells he had built, and the Length of Happiness he had enjoyed, he is the proper Emblem of all such Insects of the Human Race, whose Ambition does not extend beyond the like narrow Limits; and notwithstanding the Splendor they appear in at present, they will no more deserve the Regard of Posterity than the Butterflies of the last Spring In vain has History been taken up in describing the numerous Swarms of this mischievous Specie which has infested the Earth in the successive Ages: Nor is it worth the Enquiry of Virtuosoes, whether the *Rhine* or the *Adige* may not perhaps swarm with them at present, as much as the Banks of *Hypanis*; or whether that Silver Rivulet, the *Thames* may not shew a spacious Mole-Hill, covered with Inhabitants of the like Dignity and Importance The busy Race of Beings, attach'd to these fleeting Enjoyments, are indeed all of them engaged in the Pursuit of Happiness: And it is owing to their imperfect Notions of it, that they stop so far short in their Pursuit. The present Prospect of Pleasure seems to bound their Views; and the more distant Scenes of Happiness that will open to their Sight, when what they now propose shall be attained do not yet strike their Imagination. It is great Stupidity (or Thoughtlessness) not to perceive, that the Happiness of rational Natures is inseparably connected with Immortality. Creatures only endued with Sense, may, in a low Sense, be reputed happy so long as their Sensations are pleasing and if these pleasing Sensations are commensurate to the Time of their Existence, their Measure of Happiness, is compleat. But such Beings as are endued with Thought and Reflection, cannot be made happy by any limited Term of Happiness, how great soever its Duration may be The more valuable their Enjoyments are, the more painful must be the Thought that they are to have an End; and this Pain of Expectation must be continually encreasing, the nearer that End approaches. And if these Beings are themselves immortal, and yet insecure of the Continuance of the Happiness, the Case is far worse; since an eternal Void of Delight, if not to say a State of Misery, must succeed. It would here be of no Moment, whether the Time of their Happiness were measured by Days or Hours, by Months or Years or by Periods of the most inconceivable Length. These swiftly flowing Streams bear no Proportion to that Ocean of Infinity, where they finish their Course: The longest Duration of Finite Happiness avails nothing when it is past; nor can the Memory of it have any other Effect, than to renew a perpetual pining after Pleasures never to return. And since Virtue is the only Pledge and Security of a happy Immortality, the Folly of sacrificing it to any Temporal Advantages, how important soever they may appear, must be infinitely great, and cannot but leave behind it an eternal Regret

I am, SIR, *Yours*, &c.

CHARLESTOWN, *March* 6.

On Monday last the Anniversary of the Birth-day of her Majesty our most gracious Queen CAROLINE (who then entered in the 53d Year of her Age) was celebrated here with all the demonstrations of Joy imaginable. His Honour our Lieutenant Governor met the Honourable his Majesty's Council, the Honourable the Commons House of Assembly with several other Gentlemen at the Council Chamber, and about noon they went in Procession to Granville's Bastion, where her Majesty's Health was drunk under the discharge of the Cannon from the Fort. The Rose Man of War in honour of the Day made a fine Show, having all her Colours hoisted, and firing her Guns. And in the Evening the Council Chamber, the Custom House and others were finely illuminated, and universal rejoicings shewn upon the Occasion by all the Inhabitants

The same Day being St. *David*'s Day, the Welch Club having met at Mr. *Woolford*'s, caused several Guns to be fired after Sun-set, contrary to an Act of General Assembly, ratified the 9th of April 1734. entituled, *an Act for the better Regulating the Port and Harbour of* Charles-Town, *and Shipping frequenting the same*, whereby they incurr'd the Penalty inflicted by the said Law, and upon Information made against them, paid 10 l to the Poor.

The Day following being appointed for the Review of the Troop of Horse, they appeared well mounted under the sound of Kettle drums and Trumpets in Parade, and, together with the 4 Companies of Foot, passed the Review before his Honour the Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, accompanied by the rest of the Chief Officers; The Foot-Companies, after having perform'd their Exercise, were discharged by their several Captains, but the Gentlemen Troopers with their Officers return'd to the Bowling Green, where they and the Officers of the Foot Companies were regaled with a handsome Dinner.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, Charlestown,

Entred inwards

Sloop Midnight, Thomas Barnes from New-York.
——— Friendship, John Jennings from Providence

Entred out.

Ship John Galley, Isaac Forster for Cowes.

Clear'd for Departure.

Ship Carolina Galley, Abraham Snelling to London.
Sloop Little Gypsee, John Smith to Providence.
——— Speedwell, Joseph Gray to Barbados.

EXPORTED from this PLACE since *Nov* 1, 1725.

Rice 24549 Barrels, & 1537 Baggs Pitch 3572, Tarr 422, Turpentine 1676. Whereof 6565 Barrels and 993 Bags of Rice to the Southward of *Cape-Finisterre*.

PRICES of the following GOODS

Rice 45 to 46 *s*	3 d.	Flower	3 l. 10 s. to 4 l.
Pitch per Barrel	35 s.	Brown Bread	3 l. 10 s.
Tar per Bar.	30 s.	Middl. ———	5 l.
Turpentine per C.	14 s.	White ———	7 l. 10 s.
Indian Corn per B.	12 s. 6 d.	Milk Bisket ———	11 l.
Skins per Pound	20 s.	Ship Bread ———	4 l.
Salt per Bushel	7 s. 6 d.	Melasses per Hogsh.	10 s.
Wine per Pipe	75 l.	Barbadoes Rum	12 s. 6. d.

Advertiſements.

Whereas Articles of Co-partnerſhip between JENYS and BAKER expire the 25th of this Month, theſe are to deſire all perſons indebted to them, to ſettle and pay the Ballances of their Accounts by the firſt Day of April next, or to give them ſufficient Security for diſcharging the ſame by the firſt of *January* next, or they will certainly be proſecuted without further notice.

NB. They have all ſorts of European Goods for Sale, and will take good Rice in all Payments at the Market price, till the firſt of *April* next.

ON *Thurſday* the 11th of this Inſtant will be ſold for ready Money, on *John's* Iſland, at the Plantation whereon Mr. *John Raven* deceaſed formerly liv'd, a Parcel of choice Slaves, by *Eliz: Jenys*, Adminiſtratrix of the Eſtate of the ſaid *Raven*.

To be Lett

THE firſt of *Auguſt* next, the Stone-houſe on the Bay, where Mr. *Chardon* now lives in: Enquire of Mr. THO: GADSDEN.

To be Sold a Plantation containing 432 Acres of Land, one half good Cypreſs Swamp, and the other high land, with a Dwelling-houſe, Barn and Outhouſes, ſcituate at *Stono*, a little above *Thos Wallis's* bridge, near the road that leads from *Aſhley* Ferry to *Pon Pon*, and having a good Tide landing for large Boats Treat with Mr. *Iſ: Wate*, *Joſeph Elliot* ſen: or *Richard Capers*.

At the New Theatre in *Queen-ſtreet*

will be acted on TUESDAY next
The LONDON MERCHANT, or the Hiſtory of
GEORGE BARNWELL
Tickets to be had at Mr. *Ch: Shepheard's*, and at the Theatre.
Pitt and Boxes at 25 *s*

Strap'd away up the Path in *July* laſt, a Horſe named *York*, branded on the right buttock T F D and on the Mounting Shoulder W F. Whoever brings or ſends the ſaid Horſe to Mr *William Randall* Smith in *Charleſtown*, or to the Printer, ſhall have 8 l. reward

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A Servant Maid's Time to be ſold, that underſtands waſhing and Ironing very well, ſhe alſo ſpeaks very good French, her time is Three Years and 9 Months: Enquire of Mrs. *Eliz: Hedutt's* in Union-ſtreet, next door to Capt *Beauchamp's*.

Run away a fortnight ago a Negro Wench, named Betty, lately belonging to Mr. *Benj. Lawe's*, ſhe had on when ſhe went away a red Negro cloth Gown, an old ſilk quilted Petticoat, and Oznabrigs Shift. Whoever takes her up and brings her to Mrs *Petty* in *Charles-Town*, ſhall have 3 l. reward.

To be Sold good Newfoundland dry fiſh, loaf ſugar, cheeſe, Wallis's beſt Axes, tea, coffee, red ſlippers, ſkins, chaiſes, a chair, new watches, human hair, books of divinity, hiſtory and ſchool, bibliotheca anatomica, medica & chirurgica in Engliſh 2 vol paper, ink powder, quills, new almanacks, new ſeeds, malt, hops, rum in hhds, almonds 5 *s. per lb* pewter, telleſcopes, umbrelloes, chagreen caſes, knives and forks, caſe bottles, pipes, ſtraws for diſhes, ſnuff, Cyder, & many other ſorts of goods by *Eleazer Phillips* at his Store on Mr *Elliot's* Wharf. He alſo buyes old pewter and braſs, or changes for new.

Brought to Goal in Charleſtown,

February 26 A Negro Fellow named *Greenwich*, has on a white Negro Cloth Jacket and Breeches, ſays he belongs to *Robert Yonge* Eſq; taken up on *Wando-Neck* by *Thomas Bennet*, Planter.

March 2 A Negro Fellow named *Lymus*, ſays he belongs to *Robert Yonge* Eſq; taken up at *Hobkaw* by *William Watſon*.

Council-Chamber, Febr. 25, 1735-6.

THIS is to give Notice, to all Perſons whom it may concern, that ſuch who have any Claim to a Lott or Lotts in the old or new Town of *Beaufort* in the Pariſh of St. *Helena Port Royal*, do regularly enter their ſaid Claim with the Clerk of his Majeſty's Hon. Council, in order the ſame may be taken into conſideration

By Order of the Hon: the Lieut Governor, and His Majeſty's Honourable Council, J: BADENHOP, *C. C.*

To be Sold a Plantation containing about 340 Acres of Land, pleaſantly ſcituated within half a Mile of *Dorcheſter*, on which is now ſtanding a very good Dwelling-Houſe, a large Brick Barn and Brick Negro Houſes and other conveniencies. Any Perſon inclin'd to purchaſe the ſaid Plantations, or either of them may treat with CH: PINCKNEY.

To be Sold by *Henning* and *Shute* at their Store in *Elliot's* ſtreet, neat old port wine in hogſh. or bottles, fine rheniſh in ſquare pint bottles, or Awms, good old hock in bottles, very good ſtrong beer, butter in cags, menage and round thread hollands, oznabrigs, aſſortments of Iron ware, with variety of ſtationary and other goods uſually imported. Alſo to be Lett the Houſe up the Path, where Mr. *David Hext* now lives, with 6 Acres of Land and Out-houſes. Enquire of *Thos Kimberly* and *Joſeph Shute* or either of them.

To be Sold by Meſſrs. *William Whiteſide* and *Wm Colt*, a Tract of Land, containing 585 Acres, with 70 Acres clear'd Land, within 6 Miles of *George-Town* by Land, with 200 Acres of good inland Swamp and about a Mile and a half from a Landing. Any Perſon having a mind to purchaſe the ſame may apply to Mr. *Peter Horry* Merchant in *Charleſtown*, or to the ſaid *Whiteſide* and *Colt* in *George Town Winyaw*

To be Sold a piece of Land, containing 25 Acres, within half a Mile of *Charleſtown*. Whoever has a mind to purchaſe the ſame, may treat with *Eliz:* and *Wm Fairchild*.

Run away the 18th Inſtant from *Rich: Smith* at *Horſe Savanna*, a Negro Man, named *Hannibal*, much pock fretten in his Face, and has a great Scarr over one of his cheeks, had on white Negro Cloth Jacket and breeches: Whoever takes up the ſaid Negro and brings him to his Maſter at *Horſe Savanna*, or in *Charleſtown* to Mr *Haynes* or Mr. *Mazyck* jun. ſhall have 5 l reward paid by *Richard Smith.*

To be Sold a very compleat Dwelling Houſe, in Church ſtreet, with 12 Rooms in it, a double Kitchin, and a Store, the Lott contains 67 Feet front and 100 and odd in depth. Likewiſe a Lott in Queen-ſtreet, 39 Feet front and 200 and odd Feet deep Whoever has a mind to purchaſe either, may treat with *John Bee* ſen. on the Bay in *Charleſtown*. Who has alſo a fine Chaiſe to diſpoſe of.

Whereas *by the Act of Aſſembly of this Province for founding, erecting and governing a Free School in* Charleſtown *'tis among other things enacted*, That any number of Scholars not exceeding twelve, to be nominated and appointed by the Commiſſioners of the ſaid School, ſhall therein be taught free: *And whereas no Application has yet been made to the ſaid Commiſſioners for their Nomination and Appointment of any ſuch Scholars; They have therefore thought fit to give this publick Notice that on proper Application to them in behalf of ſuch Children, as may be entitled to the benefit of the ſaid Law, they will forthwith nominate and appoint them, not exceeding the aforeſaid Number, to the Benefit of the ſame accordingly.*

By Order of the Board of the Hon. the Free-School-Commiſſioners, the 29th of *January*, 1735.
WILLIAM SMITH, Clerk.

To be Sold

BY *Bluford* and *Osmond* a parcell of MADEIRA WINE, juſt imported. Alſo a parcell of handſome Silver plate made after the neweſt faſhion.